

CERN Meeting 3-14-13

The Community Emergency Response Network met at the EMA office to update the status of this organization. Meeting was called to order by Allan Ninness, Saline County EMA Director. The last meeting of this organization was held in December. He reviewed the progress made and the activities that have been undertaken since that meeting. He pointed out that they have developed statements defining the organization's Purpose which is to foster Whole Community Planning defining their Mission Statement, and the Key Organizations which are involved. He requested the group's assistance in reviewing these and making modifications to fit the two counties.

Allan then moved on to identify those key organizations who are participating, and reviewed the activates they are undertaking. The preparedness activates which are being undertaken include Emergency Plan Development, Drills and Exercises, and Competency based training. The training discussion brought up numerous comments from the participants regarding their activates and plans. All were enthusiastic about their plans and progress. Discussion of the proposed Community Recovery Plan brought up the need for job descriptions to be included in the Plan in order to better help the individuals in seeing the responsibly they were undertaking.

The discussion then turned to Action Teams and what they are doing. Various individuals reported on the various activates and the results they had achieved so far in their efforts. Jamie Byrd stated that the Health and Medical action team was meeting April 25 to discuss special needs. Jerry Doug Watson, Coroner reported on his progress with the needs of a mobile morgue, and the identification of sites where this facility might be located. He had recently visited the new facility to be used as a morgue in Williamson County and described it. There is also a morgue at White County that could be utilized if available and needed. If a mobile morgue is used, it needs to be at a secure location and be accessible via helicopter.

Resource mapping was discussed and the availability of various supplies, in particular generators. There are several available, but dedicated to specific tasks, such as sanitary pumping stations. There are very few that would be available with wide spread outage of power. The availability of storage/warehousing space was discussed with no resolution. The possibility of having churches acquire some basic supplies such as cots and blankets was considered a viable option, but would require a lot of development.

A meeting was held in Gallatin County on 3/13/13. There were 17 attending the meeting. They do not have much Has/mat other than farm chemicals and oil wells. They did cover planning for these events.

It was pointed out that it was important to bring staff to these CERN meetings in order to get them involved and sharing insight regarding the CERN mission.

County Board member David Phelps attended the meeting because he is interested in this activity. He has also been involved in the emergency planning of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and talked briefly regarding their past exercises.

Future meetings of CERN and their dates was announced. These are: 6/13 ,9/12, 12/12.
Meeting dates for the Steering Committee, SNAP, and LEPC were also announced.

Meeting attendance sign in sheet and slides use in the presentation are attached.

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